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CITIES. PROPOSED WORK ON LAND USE PLANNING SUPPORTED BY MANY COUNTRIES INCLUDING JAPANESE. JAPANESE ALSO REPEATED PREVIOUS STATEMENTS THAT INTERNATIONAL TRADE ASPECTS OVEREMPHASIZED; THAT FUTURE PROGRAMS SHOULD FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PER SE. SECRETARIAT HAS NOTED DETAILS OF COUNTRY INTERVENTIONS FOR REORIENTATION PROGRAM PRIORITIES FOR PRESENTATION IN SECGEN PROPOSALS 1 SEPTEMBER.

3. MEETING OF OECD ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS. COMMITTEE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, POSSBLY FALL 1974, WAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE BUT ONLY IF AGENDA SUITABLE. MEMBER- COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE SUGGESTED TOPICS BY SEPTEMBER 15. ENVCOM BUREAU, EXTENDED TO INCLUDE ALL INTERESTED MEMBER COUNTRIES, WILL HOLD MEETING ABOUT OCTOBER 15 TO DECIDE ON DATE AND AGENDA. IF AGREEMENT REACHED, COUNCIL WILL THEN BE ASKED TO APPROVE MINISTERIAL MEETING. US SUGGESGED AGENDA ISSUES MIGHT INCLUDE TRANSNATIONAL POLLUTION PROBLEMS AND CONCERTED ACTION ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES. MINISTERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER RENEWAL AND POSSIBLE REVISION OF ENVCOM MANDATE, WHICH EXPIRES END 1974, AND THRUST OF COMMITTEE' S FUTURE WORK.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF ENERGY PRODUCTION AND USE. US STRONGLY OPPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF ENVCOM EXPERT GROUP UNTIL (A) MANDATE OF GROUP AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL OECD ENERGY STUDY CLARIFIED AND (B) SECRETARIAT COMPLETES REVIEW OF MEMBER- COUNTRY STUDIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN US. DESPITE DEPSEC GEN EL D IN' S EFFORTS TO FORCE ISSUE, COMMITTEE, FOLLOWING US LEAD, AGREED ONLY IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERT GROUP, WHICH WOULD NOT BE CONVENED UNTIL ABOVE CONDITIONS HAD BEEN MET. THIS WOULD BE DECIDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIAT TOGETHER WITH TENTATIVE PLAN, SUBJECT TO SUCH DECISION, FOR MEETING OF EXPERT GROUP END- SEPTEMBER 1973. (US STUDIES REQUESTED SOONEST, TOGETHER WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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NOMINATION OF US EXPERT FOR PARTICIPATION IN POSSIBLE SEPTEMBER MEETING). AT SAME TIME SECTOR GROUPS WILL GIVE INCREASED ATTENTION TO ENERGY QUESTIONS.

5. EUTROPHICATION. THREE EXCELLENT PRESENTATIONS BY EXPERT CONSULTANTS HIGHLIGHTED SUBSTANTIVE EXAMINATION THIS COMPLEX AREA OF LONGSTANDING ATTENTION IN OECD ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM. MONITORING AND MEASUREMENT PROGRAMS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT, BUT FUTURE WORK IN WATER MANAGEMENT SECTOR GROUP (WMSG) WILL BE RESTRICTED TO VOLUNTARY COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH MINIMUM RESOURCE EXPENDITRE BY OECD SECRETARIAT FOR COORDINATION PURPOSES ONLY. WMSG REPORT THIS TOPIC, ENV(73)30, RECOMMENDED FOR DERESTRICTION. WMSG INSTRUCTED TO DEVELOP COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION ON EUTROPHICATION CONTROL. .../... BROWN

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6. MERCURY. REPORT ON POLICY ISSUES AND PROPOSALS FOR ACTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. SECRETARIAT WILL REFORM PROPOSED ACTIONS AS RECOMMENDATION TO OECD COUNCIL. COMMITTEE INSTRUCTED THAT FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS THIS TYPE BE IN FORM OF DRAFT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION TO AVOID DANGER OF SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES DURING EDITING PROCESS. DUTCH AND NORWEGIAN REPS EXPRESSED CONCERN OF TRYING TO RESOLVE DIFFICULT POLITICAL ISSUES (SUCH AS IN CASE OF MERCURY) AT TECHNICAL LEVEL WHICH TENDS TO LEAD TO LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR SOLUTION. SUCH PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE ARE TO BE RESOLVED BY IDENTIFYING DIFFERENCES IN COUNTRY VIEWS AT TECHNICAL LEVEL AND BRINGING THEM TO ENVCOM FOR RESOLUTION. ON US SUGGESTIONS, BIAC WILL BE INVITED TO COOPERATE IN INFORMATION EXCHANGE IN FOLLOW UP WORK ON MERCURY CONTROL MEASURES.

7. MOTOR VEHICLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT. ROUTINE AGREEMENT ON RECOMMENDING DERESTRICTION OF ENV(73) 24 AND U/ ENV/72.20 NOT REACHED PRIMARILY DUE TO UK AND SWEDISH OPPOSITION. AS A

RESULT A PANEL OF ENVCOM REVISED ENV(73)24, WITH DEADLINE FOR MEMBER COUNTRY COMMENTS AUGUST 15.

8. REPORT OF JOINT ENVCOM/ SCIENCE COMMITTEE GROUP.

DESPITE STRONG US CRITICISM THAT JOINT GROUP HAD FAILED TO CARRY OUT MANDATE, MOST COUNTRIES FELT EXERCISE HAD BEEN USEFUL IN FOCUSING ATTENTION ON USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA AND RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS

IN DEVELOPING SUCH CRITERIA. THE US EMPHASIZED PRESSING NEED TO IDENTIFY GAPS IN EFFECTS DATA OF HIGH PRIORITY POLLUTANTS ON WHICH GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT RESEARCH TO FILL SUCH

GAPS. JOINT GROUP TO CONTINUE EFFORTS UNTIL END 1973 WITH OBJECTIVE OF PRESENTING ENVCOM AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE WITH MORE CONCRETE ACTIONS TO (A) INTENSIFY NATIONAL RESEARCH EFFORTS ON PRIORITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND (B) ACCELERATE COOPERATION IN RESEARCH TO UNDERPIN WHO DEVELOPMENT OF URGENTLY NEED CRITERIA.

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9. OTHER ITEMS. (A) SWEDISH ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY.

SECRETARIAT'S PLAN FOR STUDY GENERALLY APPROVED WITH SOME RELUCTANCE

EXPRESSED ON PROJECTING DETAILED CONSIDERATION UNTIL OCTOBER 1973 EXPERTS MEETING, WHICH SHOULD IDENTIFY KEY ISSUES AND OPTIONS. US AND OTHERS URGED THAT BACKGROUND PAPERS FOCUS PRIMARILY ON GUIDING PRINCIPLE - ENV(73)32. NOTED FOR DISCUSSION AT NOVEMBER MEETING.

(C) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

UNEP'S PROGRAM WILL BE DESCRIBED AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING BY A UNEP SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL. (D) AIR POLLUTION FROM FUEL COMBUSTION IN STATIONARY SOURCES. DECISION ON THE AIR MANAGEMENT SECTOR GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS DEFERRED TO NEXT ENVCOM MEETING. SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE NEW TEXT INCORPORATING COMMENTS BY OECD OIL AND ENERGY

COMMITTEES. (E) DERESTRICTION OF REPORTS SULPHUR DIOXIDE EMISSION SURVEY, AND POLLUTION BY THE PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY (NR/ ENV/73.13) RECOMMENDED FOR DERESTRICTION, SUBJECT TO FINAL COMMENTS BY JULY 15.

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